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SUBJECT: ROK REACTION TO UN INITIATIVE

1. ROK PRESS JUNE 28 GAVE TOP COVERAGE TO US/ROK INITIATIVE IN SENDING UNSC PRESIDENT LETTER OFFERING TO DISSOLVE UNC AND SUBMISSION BY CANADA OF FRIENDLY UNGA RESOLUTION. PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT BY FONMIN KIM CALLING UNC PROPOSAL "REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE" AS WELL AS INITIAL "VERY FAVORABLE RESPONSE" BY DIPLOMATS IN NEW YORK.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT WELCOMED INITIATIVE AS CONSTRUCTIVE BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS WOULD AGREE TO PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR UNC DISSOLUTION. EDITORIALS ALSO STRESSED THAT UNC DISSOLUTION BEARS NO RELATION TO PRESENCE OF US FORCES. CHUNGANG ILBO, VIEWING INITIATIVE AS DESIGNED TO HEAD OFF DEMAND FROM COMMUNIST SIDE THAT US FORCES BE WITHDRAWN, SAID THAT UN CANNOT MEDDLE WITH BILATERAL DEFENSE TREATY. TONGA ILBO, WHILE LAUDING INITIATIVE AS POSITIVE APPROACH FOLLOWING PAST NEGATIVE UN POLICY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SPECULATED THAT NORTH KOREA MAY LAUNCH COUNTERATTACK AGAINST WESTERN RESOLUTION BY AGITATING WITH NONALIGNED NATIONS, RESULTING IN INTENSIFIED ROK-NORTH KOREAN CONFRONTATION AT UN.

3. GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED PRESS VOICED SOME MINOR RESERVATIONS: OFFICIAL SEOUL SHIMUN COMMENTED THAT "WE WILL NOT OPPOSE DISSOLUTION OF UNC IF NORTH KOREA CAN GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL NOT START ANOTHER WAY BY FAITHFULLY OBSERVING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT." SEMI-OFFICIAL KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN AT WHAT ALTERNATE ARMISTICE MEASURES MIGHT APPLY IF UNC IS DISSOLVED AND JOINED OTHER PAPERS IN CAUTIONING THAT ULTIMATE NORTH KOREAN GOAL IS WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES.

4. INITIAL MOFA REACTION EXPRESSED TO US HAS BEEN ONE OF SATISFACTION WITH LETTER AND RESOLUTION AND THEIR RECEPTION AND RELIEF THAT THIS CRUCIAL STEP OF UN STRATEGY NOW OUT OF THE WAY.

5. ACCORDING TO FBIS, NORTH KOREA HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON WESTERN INITIATIVE.
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